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STATE OF MAINE

BY THE GOVERNOR

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS, at the session of the legislature beginning January 3, 1917, an emergency act was passed entitled "An Act relating to the Registration of Information concerning Aliens".

AND WHEREAS, it is provided in said act that whenever between the United States of America and any foreign country a state of war shall exist the Governor may by proclamation direct and require every subject or citizen of such foreign country within this State to appear within twenty-four hours after such proclamation and from time to time thereafter within twenty-four hours after his arrival in this State before such public authorities as the Governor may in such proclamation direct, and then and there such subject or citizen of such foreign country shall personally register his name, residence, business, length of stay and such information as the Governor may from time to time in such proclamations prescribe. and the person in control, whether owner, lessee, manager or proprietor, of each hotel, inn, boarding house, rooming house, building and private residence shall within twenty-four hours after said proclamation notify said public authorities of the presence therein of every said subject or citizen of such foreign country and shall each day thereafter notify such public authorities of the arrival thereat and departure therefrom of every such citizen or subject.

AND WHEREAS a failure to comply with all the requirements of this act is declared to be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and by imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

AND WHEREAS a state of war now exists between the United States of America and The Imperial German Government, -

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, by authority of said act, do by this proclamation, direct and require, that all subjects or citizens of The Imperial German Government, shall within twenty-four hours appear before the clerks of the towns where they are located or the boards of registration, if located in cities and register and all other persons shall notify such clerks and boards of registration of the presence of subjects or citizens of The Imperial German Government in any building under their control as provided in this act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

By the Governor:

Frank W. Ball,
Secretary of State.

CARL E. MILLIKEN,
Governor.